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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Howard County “Police Pace” to Raise Money for Families of Fallen Heroes and Other Charitable Efforts *Interested Participants Can Register at www.policpace.com*

What: Howard County “Police Pace” 5K Race and One Mile Walk/Run
When: Sunday, Sept. 7 at 9 a.m.
Where: Centennial Park, Route 108, Columbia, Md.

The Howard County Police Department will host the 17th annual “Police Pace” Sept. 7 and will donate the proceeds to a number of charitable initiatives. The department currently is accepting registrations from interested participants at www.policpace.com for the 5K Race and One Mile Walk/Run at Centennial Park.

Proceeds from the event, which is sponsored by the Howard County Police Foundation, will benefit families of officers killed or injured in the line of duty. A portion of the proceeds also will help pay for the renovation of the Howard County Fallen Officers Memorial Garden at police headquarters, including the addition of Cpl. Scott Wheeler’s name. Wheeler was killed in the line of duty in June 2007.

“The money raised at Police Pace enables our Police Foundation to help officers and their families after a tragedy occurs,” said Police Chief William McMahon. “I am proud of the event’s success through the years and grateful for the community’s continued support.”

The Police Foundation also sponsors educational scholarships and awards, and offers support services to police department members and their families.

The race will conclude with a ceremony at which more than 50 runners will receive performance awards. Food at the event for all registered participants will be provided courtesy of Outback Steakhouse in Ellicott City, the event’s Official Hospitality Host.

The family-friendly event will include clowns, McGruff the Crime Dog, free face painting, balloons, and displays of Howard County’s police equipment, helicopter, patrol cars, motorcycles, K-9 and S.W.A.T. team.

Individual registration is \$25 and includes an event t-shirt and lunch. Family registration is \$40 and includes entry for all immediate family members in same household, as well as two event t-shirts and two meals. Participants will have the opportunity to win raffle prizes, including two roundtrip airline tickets from AirTran, a mountain bike courtesy of Princeton Sports, free dinners, golf outings and more.

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